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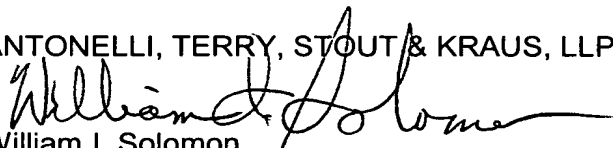
Applicants have amended the first page of the specification of the above-identified application in order to identify a prior application, Application No. 10/288,539, filed November 6, 2002, being relied upon under 35 USC §120, and to incorporate the contents thereof by reference in their entirety in the above-identified application. Noting particularly that the Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.63 being submitted in the above-identified application is a copy of the Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.63 submitted originally in No. 10/288,539, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendments do not add new matter to the application.

Entry of the present amendments, and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.42174VX1), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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